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Mr. HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, stated that he recalls receiving a telephone call sometime in the evening within the last two months from an unknown male. In explanation RODRIGUEZ stated he had just recently returned to New Orleans that day from a two-day hard driving road trip and that normally it took him a day or two to relax from such a trip and stated he was at the time of the phone call still "punchy." It is noted that RODRIGUEZ is a former professional boxer.

In further recollection concerning the telephone call RODRIGUEZ stated he could only recall the individual asking him for his address and that he was bringing a box. RODRIGUEZ was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he could not recall ever seeing such an individual.

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Mrs. DALE RODRIGUEZ, wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, stated that upon further recollection from her previous interview the night before, stated that both she and her husband, after receiving a telephone call from an unknown male, who advised he was bringing a box, stayed up until approximately 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. that evening and thereafter went to bed. Approximately one-half hour later she recalls someone knocking at the door and that her husband stated he did not wish to be bothered by any visitors and that thereafter she answered the door, accepted the box, which she described as an opened box similar to a canned goods box one would receive from a grocery store to carry home purchases. She stated she recalled asking the individual how MIMI was and could recall no further conversation. She stated she did not let him in the house or turn on any lights. She further recalled that at this time it was raining and windy. She stated that she felt the individual was approximately 5'7" to 5'8" tall and could not identify any photographs of RAY.

She further recalled that Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, mother of her husband, HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, came by their residence approximately two days later when she was bringing THERESA STONE's daughter, [redacted], home from school; and, at this time, picked up the box and took it back to her, MRS. CALLOWAY's residence. Mrs. RODRIGUEZ stated she had no knowledge of RAY's previous trip to New Orleans with STEIN in December, 1967. She stated she did not see STEIN and if she knew of the trip it would have been by word of mouth from her sister-in-law, THERESA STONE.

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HAROLD MONROE, Meteorologist, United States Weather Bureau, Federal Building, 701 Loyola Avenue, furnished a local climatological data sheet which reflects weather conditions for the month of March, 1968.

This sheet reflected that the only measurable rain fall occuring during the period from March 17, 1968, through March 24, 1968, occurred between 10:00 AM, March 21, 1968, and 12:00 noon, March 22, 1968.

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THERESA STONE, residing 4019 Royal Street, and employed at the 500 Back Stage in the French Quarter, advised that she recalls approximately one month ago seeing a box sitting in the living room of her residence with some clothes and other items which she could not recall. She stated that she subsequently learned from her brother or sister-in-law that these were items of clothes for MIMI's daughter, MARIAN DEGRASSE.

Mrs. STONE stated that this is the only box of clothing she saw or knew about. However, she recalls that in the middle or latter part of December, 1967, and places the date as December 18 because she does not work on Sundays or Tuesdays, which would be December 17 and 19 respectively, being at her cousin, MARIE LEE's residence in the 1400 block of Burgundy Street. She stated at this time she was there to see her other cousin, CHARLIE STEIN and recalls STEIN receiving a phone call from an unnamed individual which resulted in STEIN asking her the direction for this person to reach the Burgundy Street address. She does not recall now where STEIN stated this individual was located at the time of the call. She further recalls that this was in the vicinity of 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, and that she was anxious to leave for work. She stated she left the residence and while standing on the street in front of the residence a white male individual approached them and was introduced to her by CHARLIE STEIN. She recalled that she immediately left for her place of employment and did not take notice of the name of the individual or any particular descriptive data concerning him. Mrs. STONE was unable to recognize any of the photographs of RAY as the individual to whom she was introduced by STEIN. She further recalled that her cousin, MARIE LEE, was still at the residence when she, STONE, left.

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Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew, advised upon recollection that sometime approximately a month ago she brought [redacted], THERESA STONE's daughter, to the STONE residence and at this time picked up a box which was for MARIAN IEGRASSE and took it back to her house on Burgundy Street. Approximately two days later she gave it to MARIAN.

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MARIE LEE, 2001 Claire Avenue, Gretna, Louisiana, telephone 367-0971, advised she is a sister of CHARLES STEIN, and she formerly resided at 1429 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

LEE stated that in December, 1967, the exact date unrecalled, her brother, CHARLES STEIN, came to stay with her. She advised STEIN stayed for three days and two nights. She advised STEIN came into New Orleans late one evening, and was to leave the following day, but his plans were changed, and he stayed one additional day.

She advised that STEIN came to New Orleans to pick up RITA STEIN's two children, and transport them back to Los Angeles, California. She advised that while in New Orleans, STEIN stayed at her residence on Burgundy Street.

She advised that she did not see the individual that brought STEIN to her residence, but she was later introduced to this individual, who was identified by STEIN, as ERIC GALT.

She advised she questioned STEIN about his travel to New Orleans, and was advised by STEIN that MARIE MARTIN had overheard an individual in California, state that he was going to New Orleans for a day on business, and MARIE approached this individual and arranged for STEIN to ride with him to New Orleans. STEIN advised LEE that he did not know this individual before this time.

LEE advised on the second day of STEIN's visit, he became worried that the individual who transported him to New Orleans, might leave him or forget where to pick him up, so STEIN called the Provincial Motel, and asked this individual to come to his sister's home, so he would be sure and know exactly where to pick him up. She stated about five minutes after this call, an individual driving a white Mustang pulled up in front of her residence. She stated that when this car pulled up, she and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, were standing on the porch. The driver of the white Mustang

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walked up to the front porch, and STEIN said "ERIC say hello to MARIE". LEE advised that she acknowledged the introduction, but ERIC did not say anything. ERIC merely leaned against the post on the porch, and kept looking at the ground. She stated she talked to her brother for several moments, and then her brother asked if he was going to leave and ERIC replied "Well I don't know". She advised that she had to go shopping, so she left, and when she returned, in about an hour, ERIC had departed, and CHARLES was in her home watching television.

LEE advised the white Mustang, driven by ERIC GALT, bore a white license plate, state and number unknown. She described GALT as an extremely quiet individual, with no distinguishing characteristics, with the exception of a long skinny nose. She described GALT as a white male, 30 to 33, 5'10", medium build, light hair, and having a long skinny nose.

She stated that STEIN informed her that GALT did not permit him to spend any money on the trip, and GALT paid for everything, but his method of payment was not known to her. LEE advised that she has not heard from or seen STEIN or GALT since that time, and does not know of any additional trips that GALT may have made to New Orleans since that time.

She advised that she did not see Galt, with the exception of the one encounter on the porch of her residence. She stated that when GALT came to pick up STEIN and the two children, he did not get out of the car, but merely pulled up in front of her residence, and honked the horn, and she told her brother, "CHARLIE, ERIC is here." She stated she did not leave the residence, and that CHARLES STEIN and the two children entered GALT's car, and they departed.

She advised that MARIE MARTIN has several relatives that live in the New Orleans area, one of which is her sister, THERESA STONE, who lives on Bartholomew Street, and also MARTIN has a daughter in New Orleans, named MARIAN deGRASSE, whose residence she did not know.

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[redacted] and his mother Mrs. MARIE STEIN MC LEOD, 3426 Peoples Avenue, were interviewed in the New Orleans Office, on April 26, 1968, by SA PHILLIP M. KING.

[redacted] advised that he recalls last seeing his father on the Sunday, approximately one week before Christmas, 1967. He stated at this time he went to his aunt's residence, MARIE STEIN LEE, in the 1400 block of Burgundy Street. The only conversation he can recall having with his father concerning his trip from California, was that he asked his father how he arrived here and he was informed that he "got a ride." He further recalls at this time his father stating that he would be here for one or two days at most. STEIN stated that the name of ERIC or GALT was never mentioned by his father to him, nor any other information concerning the individual who drove his father to New Orleans. He stated he next saw his father at the same address on the afternoon of the following day. On this occasion STEIN stated there was no conversation by his father concerning the identity or any comments about the individual who brought his father to New Orleans. He does recall his father stating that he thought he would return to Los Angeles the following day.

[redacted]

Mrs. MARIE STEIN MC LEOD stated that she and her former husband, CHARLES STEIN, SR., have been separated since [redacted]

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ANTHONY CHARLES DE CARVELHO, 2006 Iowa Street, Kenner, Louisiana, telephone number 729-4479, advised that CHARLES STEIN, came to New Orleans the week before December 24, 1967. He advised sometime during this week, the exact date unrecalled, he found a note in his doorway from STEIN, which read, "Didn't find you at home, call me at 'MARIE's". He stated he immediately called MARIE LEE, STEIN's sister, and then travelled to her home on Burgundy Street, to see CHARLES STEIN, who he has known for twenty years, and is a very close friend.

He stated when he arrived at MARIE LEE's house, to see STEIN, STEIN was wearing a beard, and immediately began talking to him about his new philosophy, "Cosmic Philosophy", which involves believing in space ships, space people on earth, and attempts to get closer to the Creator. He stated they held several long discussions about this philosophy, and due to his curiosity, he kept interrupting and asked STEIN how STEIN got to New Orleans. STEIN stated "The Creator provided for him ", and by this comment STEIN meant that he had travelled from Los Angeles to New Orleans with a man he identified as GALT. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO that GALT was travelling through New Orleans to go to Mississippi or Alabama on business, and dropped him off, and would pick him up on his way back to Los Angeles. DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN did not mention anything else about GALT's background, other than the fact that GALT paid for almost everything on the trip with the exception of several motel bills, that were paid for by STEIN. DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN had only about $30.00 in his possession, and he offered to give STEIN a loan, but STEIN declined, stating that he was no longer interested in material wealth, only in the "Cosmic Philosophy".

STEIN advised DE CARVELHO that he was on the threshold of converting GALT to the "Cosmic Philosophy", but he had to overcome a mental block that GALT possessed, and he hoped to complete the conversion on the return trip to Los Angeles.

STEIN advised him that GALT was a poor driver, and on one occasion he fell asleep at the wheel, ran off the road, and almost ran off a cliff. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO there was

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no damage to the car, and unknown individuals pulled the car back onto the road, and they proceeded with their trip.

DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN remainded in New Orleans only two days, and that he spent most of his time in the company of STEIN, as they were very close friends. He stated that GALT never came into MARIE LEE's house, where STEIN was staying, and STEIN advised that GALT had gone somewhere about his business. DE CARVELHO stated this statement was STEIN's way of saying that he was not interested in talking about GALT, and possibly did not know where GALT was located.

DE CARVELHO advised the day that STEIN left New Orleans, he was at MARIE LEE's house. When he arrived, an unknown individual was standing on the porch and as he approached the porch, STEIN stated to him, "This is GALT". He stated that this was very strange to him, as STEIN never referred to an individual by his last name. DE CARVELHO advised he held no conversation with GALT, and helped STEIN pack the trunk of the car. He advised that STEIN carried luggage for RITA STEIN's two children to the car, but they did not fit in the trunk of the car, due to some personal property of GALT's being located in the trunk. He advised this personal property of GALT's appeared to be a surveyor's transit, wrapped in a leather case, with a zipper that appeared to be some what similar to a golf bag. He stated that he advised GALT of the problem, and GALT walked to the trunk of the car, and rearranged it so that the luggage would fit.

He advised that he gave STEIN and GALT a map giving them directions as to how to get out of New Orleans, and they left New Orleans at approximately 2:30 p.m. He stated that while he was in the company of GALT, GALT did not say anything, and merely stood around with his head down.

He stated that the photograph of GALT that was taken in Los Angeles at the bartender school, did not resemble him, as he had a very shallow face, and the photograph that appeared on the IO and wanted flier that was taken in 1960, were an excellent likeness of GALT, with the exception of the hair.

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He described GALT as a white male, late twenties to early thirties, 5'10", 160 pounds, slim build, dark brown hair, light brown eyes, no distinguishing marks or characteristics, shallow face, and was dressed in a brown suit, with a sport shirt, and further described him as a "neat dresser".

He stated that STEIN mentioned to him, that GALT was a man of wealth or means, and either had a good job, or had inherited some money, but he did elaborate on this. He also stated that STEIN informed him that he and GALT stopped several time at unknown locations, between Los Angeles and New Orleans.

He stated by STEIN's very nature, STEIN would be reluctant to furnish the exact details of his trip and association with GALT to any law enforcement agency. He stated STEIN has a knack of associating with "characters". He also advised that STEIN was formerly married to MICKIE MEDINA, who was called the queen of vice in the New Orleans French Quarter in 1962 and 1963. He advised STEIN was arrested on a vice charge, but this charge was later dismissed. This arrest took place in New Orleans, exact date unrecalled.

DE CARVELHO advised the following individuals were present at MARIE LEE's residence when CHARLES STEIN departed from New Orleans to Los Angeles:

MARIE LEE
CHARLES STEIN
GALT
Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO
RICKY TAMASO
[redacted].
ANTHONY CHARLES DE CARVELHO

He stated all of these individuals should have seen GALT, but that Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO and RICKY TAMASO would possibly not admit they saw GALT, due to ignorance, and a desire not to become involved in the investigation. He advised that he had no additional information concerning GALT and STEIN, and he knows of no other trips of GALT and STEIN to New Orleans since December.

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Re: Telephone Call From Coin Booth
Located at St. Francis Hotel,
Los Angeles, California, on
December 22, 1967, to New Orleans,
Louisiana, Telephone Number 523-0930

On April 27, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it had been determined that on December 22, 1967, at 7:48 p.m., a telephone call from a coin booth located in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, had been made to telephone number 523-0930, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Re: Telephone Calls From New Orleans
or To New Orleans by RITA and CHARLES STEIN

On April 27, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it had been determined that during the past ninety days the following telephone calls from New Orleans, or to New Orleans were made by RITA and CHARLES STEIN:

March 12, 1968 - a collect call from New Orleans telephone 947-0930

March 21 and 23, 1968, collect calls from New Orleans telephone number 945-7312

April 4, 1968, a call from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans telephone number 945-7312

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Central District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number 523-0930 is subscribed to by the Ivanhoe Piano Bar, 601 Bourbon Street.

Telephone number 522-1212 is a private number subscribed to by LOUIS RUBIO, 1530 St. Mary. This number was connected on October 12, 1967. RUBIO formerly had this number at 1202 Pleasant Street.

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Telephone number 947-0930 is subscribed to by OZAMA BOVIA, 3707 Abundance, Apartment D. BOVIA is employed as a porter at W. T. Grant, Canal Street.

Telephone number 945-7312 is a private number subscribed to by MARIE STEIN, 1907 1/2 Royal Street. This number was connected on November 29, 1967. Telephone records reflect that STEIN is employed at the Burger Drive In, Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana. This number was moved from 1429 Burgundy Street to the present address on March 20, 1968.

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Mrs. MARIE LEE, 2001 Clara Street, Gretna, Louisiana, advised she recalls receiving a phone call from RITA STEIN at the Ivanhoe Lounge, New Orleans, Louisiana, where she was employed at that time.

Mrs. LEE stated that RITA called her to advise that her children and CHARLIE STEIN arrived back in California safely. She stated this was in relation to the trip taken by CHARLIE STEIN and JAMES EARL RAY in December, 1967.

Mrs. LEE also advised that when she moved from her residence on Burgundy Street, which she thought was some time in March, 1968, she gave her mother her telephone number to have moved from the Burgundy Street address to her mother's address at 1907½ Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that the phone is still in her name and not her mother's.

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Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, 1907½ Royal Street, telephone number 945-7312, advised that her current telephone number was formerly the telephone of her daughter, MARIE LEE, nee Stein, and was formerly located at LEE's apartment at an unrecalled address on Burgundy Street. She advised that when LEE moved from her apartment on Burgundy Street to Gretna, Louisiana, she had the telephone moved to her address, 1907½ Royal Street, but the telephone is still listed in the name MARIE STEIN. She advised that she cannot recall the exact date this telephone was moved into her residence but estimated that it was about one month ago.

Mrs. OLONZO advised that she recalls telephoning her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee STEIN, in Los Angeles, California, several times during the month of March, but she cannot recall the exact dates of these calls or the purpose of these calls. She stated that she thought both of the calls she placed to California were collect, and she added the only individual she would call collect in California would be her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein.

Mrs. OLONZO advised she also recalled receiving a telephone call from RITA ROSAS sometime in the first part of April, exact date unrecalled. She also stated that she could not recall the purpose of this call or the previous calls. She stated she could not recall any part of the conversations she had with her daughter. She stated she is in poor physical health, suffering from heart trouble and diabetes and has been in a coma on two occasions in the past. She advised she is sure that the name GALT was not a part of her conversations with her daughter as she had never heard of this individual prior to reading about him in the newspaper.

She advised her son, CHARLES STEIN, is "crazy but harmless." She stated she bases this opinion on the fact her son holds conversations with "space people" and on several occasions has asked her to look into the sky to observe a flying saucer that he was observing, but on each instance she could see nothing in the sky. Mrs. OLONZO further advised that her son, CHARLES STEIN, talks to trees and holds conversations with trees stating that they are on this earth for a purpose.

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Mrs. OLONZO advised that her son, CHARLES STEIN, has no dislike for Negroes and to her knowledge has never been a member of any hate group; and she is sure that he would do nothing to harm anyone including Negroes.

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WILLIE OLONZO, 1907½ Royal Street, telephone number 945-7312, advised that he could not recall the exact date that this telephone was installed in his residence but estimated that it was approximately one month ago. He stated that he and his wife obtained this telephone from MARIE LEE, nee Stein, and the telephone is still listed in the name of MARIE STEIN.

Mr. OLONZO advised that he recalls that his wife called her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, in Los Angeles, California, several times during the month of March and also recalls RITA ROSAS telephoning her mother from Los Angeles sometime in the early part of April. He advised that he could not recall the purpose of these calls or any of the conversations but assumed they were strictly personal calls and family matters were discussed.

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Mr. OZAMA BOVIA, 3707 Abundance Street, Apartment D, New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

BOVIA stated he has resided at his present address in the Desire Street Housing Project for approximately twelve years, and has had telephone number 947-0930 during this entire time.

Mr. BOVIA stated that he does not have any friends or relatives residing in the Los Angeles, California, area, nor does he know anyone living in California. He stated that he has never heard of RITA RODE, RITA STEIN, or CHARLES STEIN. He added that he was familiar with the names of ERIC S. GALT and JAMES E. RAY. He said he had become familiar with these names from newspapers and television in connection with the Doctor KING murder. Mr. BOVIA viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN and advised that he did not recognize STEIN but was familiar with JAMES EARL RAY's photograph from newspapers and television.

Mr. BOVIA furnished his telephone bill for the latter part of March and early April, 1968. This telephone bill reflected that there were only two long distance calls charged to his phone. These calls were listed as coming from Los Angeles, number 472-7709, on March 10 and April 2, 1968. BOVIA stated that these calls were telephone relays from his son, WILSON BOVIA, who was stationed in Vietnam. He added that his son was due to return to New Orleans, on April 27, 1968. BOVIA added that he would know if anyone had placed any long distance telephone calls from his phone.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	OZAMA BOVIA
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted] New Road, Louisiana
Height	5'5"

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Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears bifocals; front teeth are gold capped
Residence	3707 Abundance, Apartment D
Employment	W. T. GRANT and Company, New Orleans, Louisiana; 21 years
Relatives	Wife: ALBERTA Six children
Arrest record	None

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Miss MARIAN de GRASSE came to the New Orleans Office on April 27, 1968 and furnished a page from her diary which she initialled and dated as well as striking out several words that she felt were of a personal nature.

Miss de GRASSE stated that the notation marked March 24 [illegible] date that she recalled receiving a box of clothes [illegible] her grandmother, Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY. Further, that her grandmother had received this box of clothing from her daughter's residence, 4019 Royal Street, approximately two days prior to that. Miss de GRASSE stated that she understood this was the box of clothing brought to the residence of THERESA STONE, 4019 Royal Street, by an unknown white man at that time.

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MARIE LEE, 2001 Claire Avenue, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI and advised she wished to point out to the FBI that she did not say most of the things which appeared in the newspaper articles on April 25 and 26, 1968. She stated she did not know anything about MARIE MARTIN, CHARLES STEIN and RITA STEIN being requested to register for GEORGE WALLACE on the California Presidential Primary Ballot and further stated she could not recall the exact date STEIN was in New Orleans. Therefore, it would have been impossible for her to furnish these dates to the newspaper. She also stated she did not characterize GALT as a big spender because she did not know him.

Mrs. LEE said she was making the telephone call to set the record straight concerning her exact knowledge of STEIN's trip and to advise that the newspaper had distorted and added to her story.

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On 4/29/68 at Gretna, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA THOMAS E. DuHADWAY :epk Date dictated 4/30/68

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Mrs. CARMEN RUBIO, 1530 St. Mary Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the grandmother of [redacted], who are the children of RITA STEIN and Mrs. RUBIO'S son, STAN ROSA, deceased.

Mrs. RUBIO stated that the children are wards of the New Orleans Welfare Bureau and that RITA STEIN had taken them to California some time in the middle or late summer of 1967. Mrs. RUBIO stated that she did not consider RITA STEIN as a suitable mother for the children and that after reading in the newspapers the considerable publicity that RITA had concerning the investigation of the man allegedly involved in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING that she was apprehensive and concerned for the welfare of her grandchildren.

As a result of this apprehension she telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Police Department on Friday, April 26, 1968 endeavoring to obtain their assistance in [redacted].

Mrs. RUBIO observed two photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she stated that she had never seen this individual before. She further advised that until she had read about her former daughter-in-law in the newspapers on April 25 and 26, 1968, that she was unaware of CHARLES STEIN'S trip to New Orleans in December, 1967.

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On 4/27/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SAs PAUL C. HENSEL & PHILLIP M. KING - PMK/cam Date dictated 4/29/68

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Miss MARY BREWER, Juvenile Court, Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised Special Agent PHILLIP M. KING on April 30, 1968, that she holds a warrant for the [redacted] (born [redacted]) and [redacted] (born [redacted]). Said warrant was issued by Judge LEO B. BLESSING on January 9, 1968. She stated this warrant was issued after the above-named children's paternal grandmother, CARMEN RUBIO, [redacted] CHARLES STEIN.

Miss BREWER exhibited a letter dated February 27, 1968, from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Social Services, regarding RITA ROSAS, ST Number 1930-134-5053. The letter in part states Mrs. ROSAS [redacted] The name of the social worker for Los Angeles was given as M. SLEVIN, number 1316. The letter further stated that Mrs. ROSAS gave an address of 5666 Franklin Avenue, and further reflected that a landlord named DAVIS had told the social worker that RITA STEIN was a good mother, kept a clean house and was a good tenant.

It is further noted that Miss BREWER informed [redacted]

Miss BREWER stated that in view of the aforementioned letter, [redacted]

Miss BREWER stated she understood from CARMEN RUBIO, paternal grandmother of the children, had received a letter from

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the Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services within the past week in which they advised her they were unable to locate Mrs. RITA STEIN; further, that the Welfare Department advised Miss BREWER that the would wait until they had resolved the matter with the Los Angeles Bureau of Public Social Services before making a decision on [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted on April 30, 1968, by Special Agent JAMES D. HILL at New Orleans, Louisiana:

Miss BARBARA COLLINS, Identification Bureau, New Orleans Police Department, made available the records of her office for review and the following items relating to CHARLES STEIN and/or CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN were noted:

CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, 4101 Stephen Gerard, New Orleans, was arrested at 4:45 a.m., on April 14, 1962, by the Fifth District Station, Zone D, arrest number 333, Item D5829-62. He was charged with R.S. 14, Art. 84, rel. to Pandering; R.S. 14, Art. 83, rel. to Sliciting for Prostitution; R.S. 14, Art. 26, rel. to criminal conspiracy to pander. The arresting officers were Patrolmen G. CUNNINGHAM, J. SAHUGUE and V. FLYNN. His birth place was listed as New Orleans, on [redacted]; he was a white male, 5' 11" tall, 220 pounds, brown eyes, bald-headed, fair complexion and his occupation was listed as salesman. This subject was implicated in the operation of a prostitution racket in association with MICKY MESSINA at 4101 Stephen Gerard. No disposition was shown.

CHARLES STEIN, 6228 Arts Street, New Orleans, was arrested at 10:00 p.m., February 16, 1963, by District 3, Zone 0, arrest number 199, Item B 8555-63. He was charged with R.S. 14, Art. 83, rel. to Soliciting for prostitution; R.S. 40-1033, rel. to possession of barbiturates, under investigation. Arresting officer was Sergeant F. SOULE, SR., and he was arrested with MARIE WILSON. STEIN was described as having been born [redacted], at New Orleans, he was a white male, 33 years old, 5' 11" tall, 215 pounds, with brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and employed as a salesman. Indications were STEIN was arrested after undercover officers of the Vice and Narcotics Squads were solicited for prostitution. A search warrant was obtained and served. A

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search of the premises uncovered a quantity of barbiturates. No disposition was shown.

CHARLES STEIN, 1816½ Ursuline Street, New Orleans, was arrested at the Silver Frolic, 427 Bourbon Street, at 1:50 a.m., on May 9, 1953. He was charged with Ord. 1436, rel. to no honest visible means of support on Complaint Number E 2951-53, arrest number 392. He was described as having been born [redacted], New Orleans, a white male, 5' 11½" tall, 210 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and his occupation was listed as a doorman. The record indicated STEIN was arrested from 427 Bourbon Street, working as a doorman there and seen in company with unsavory characters on several occasions. On these occasions STEIN was warned to keep quiet, but creates disturbances there. He was discharged May 10, 1953.

CHARLES STEIN, 1907 Royal Street, New Orleans, was arrested at 2:25 a.m., October 26, 1955, at the rear of 539 Elysian Fields, under Complaint Number J-10199-55, arrest number 373. He was charged with R.S. 14, Art. 90, gambling; Ord. 16913, Conducting a vice game and Ord. 13974, vagrancy by loitering. He was arrested with ED RASAK, VIRGIL KROPP, JOHN KEIFER, LOUIS CHALAIRE, ED NECTOUX, CARLO MONTALBANO, ROY TATE, MYRIAL TOMASO, ROSE RODRIGUEZ and KATHLEEN BARRIOS. STEIN was described as a white male, born [redacted], at New Orleans, 5' 11" tall, 210 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion, self-employed. STEIN was arrested after a raid was conducted at 539 Elysian Fields and STEIN admitted he rented residence.

CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, 4101 Stephen Gerard, New Orleans, was arrested at 4:30 p.m., July 14, 1961, at 4101 Stephen Gerard by District 3, under arrest number 242, Item Number G 6524-61. He was charged with R.S. 40, Art. 962, rel. to possession of narcotics; R. S. 14,

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Art. 69, possession of stolen property. Arresting officers were Lt. J. MUNCY, seven narcotics officers and three vice officers. He was arrested with ANGELINA JOSEPH and MERCEDES MIARANA. STEIN was described as a white male, born [redacted], New Orleans, 5' 11" tall, 225 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and his occupation was listed as a booking agent. Remarks indicated this subject was found to be living in common-law status with MICKEY MEDINA, who is a well known narcotics violator and prostitute. The officers entered MEDINA's house, armed with a search warrant. There were a number of articles found on the premises which this subject claimed was his property. However, the officer believed the articles were stolen. The female, MEDINA, was suspected of disposing of a marijuana cigarette in the sewer while the officers were searching her house. The officers recovered one marijuana cigarette from this sewer.

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The Chief Clerk of Court, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, furnished his Docket Books, which reflected the following actions and dispositions for arrests of CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN:

Docket Number 174-683 relating to arrest of STEIN on April 14, 1962, for pandering and soliciting for prostitution:

Section F

April 27, 1962	Capias issued Bond $1,000
April 27, 1962	Filed $500 bond
May 3, 1962	Information filed
February 2, 1966	Nolle pros

Docket Number 174-691 relating to criminal conspiracy to pander:

Section E

April 27, 1962	Bond set $2,500
April 27, 1962	Bond filed $1,000
May 3, 1962	Information filed
December 14, 1965	Nolle pros

Docket Number 178-749, Section H, relating to arrest of STEIN on February 16, 1963, for possession of barbiturates:

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February 28, 1963	Information filed Capias issued Bond set $750
March 1, 1963	Allotted
November 6	Alias capias issued on STEIN Bond $1,500 Under advisement to WILSON
November 12	Bond filed $1,500
February 26	Court sustained motion for directed verdict Court ordered discharge

Docket Number 178-750, Section E, relating to soliciting for prostitution arrest on February 16, 1963

February 28	Information filed Capias issued Bond set $500 each
March 1	Allotted
March 28	Filed bond $500
April 15	Alias capias issued
June 10	Court ordered judgment of not guilty - discharged

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES D. HILL at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 30, 1968:

Sergeant LLOYD ERDMANN, Alcohol and Beverage Control Unit, New Orleans Police Department, advised that the entry dated March 2, 1955, for CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN (#L-4362) on FBI Identification Sheet Number 881 534 B is in reference to STEIN's application for a liquor license.

Sergeant ERDMANN stated that STEIN operated Marie's Lounge, 539 Elysian Fields Avenue, from March to December, 1955. STEIN listed his address with the Alcohol and Beverage Control Unit as 1707½ Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and his date of birth as [redacted].

Sergeant ERDMANN stated that STEIN, on his application, listed one employee, a CHARLES DE CARVALLA, as bartender.

Sergeant ERDMANN stated that his records reflected that STEIN failed to renew his liquor license after December 31, 1955.

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CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN
ARREST RECORD

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES D. HILL at Gretna, Louisiana:

On May 2, 1968, Mr. MICHAEL KNOWLES, Cadet, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO), Ident Bureau, advised that a review of his records reflect that CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN was arrested on July 21, 1961, for possession of stolen property. STEIN, at the time of his arrest, gave an address of 4101 Stephen Girard Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. KNOWLES advised that STEIN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height	Six feet
Weight	233 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	listed occupation as booking agent.

KNOWLES advised that on the bottom of the arrest sheet there is a notation which states "Lieutenant Vicknair arrested above subject upon word from Lieutenant Roy Jacobs that this subject will be charged with possession of stolen property and held for investigation of burglary."

KNOWLES advised that no disposition is shown for this arrest.

On May 2, 1968, Lieutenant BILL SMITH, Records Division, JPSO, advised that his records failed to reflect that these charges against STEIN were ever filed with the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office. Lieutenant SMITH stated that in all probability this arrest was based upon a New Orleans Police Department arrest, and that his department did not conduct any investigation into this matter.

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Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO was interviewed and advised that she has made three trips to California in the past two years. She advised she made her first trip to California immediately following the death of her son-in-law, LINO ROSAS. She advised she stayed an unrecalled period of time and then returned to New Orleans for a short period of time, after which she again traveled to California.

She advised she made her last trip to California sometime in the Fall of 1967. She stated that on each trip to California she stayed with her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, at their residence on Floyd Terrace.

She advised during her last visit to California she fell into a coma and as a result of this coma, her memory is extremely poor. She advised she recalled making three trips to California, but nothing else about the trips.

She stated that as far as she knew, LINO ROSAS sold used cars for a living and was not involved in the sale of narcotics. She said she did not see JAMES EARL RAY in California during any of these trips and knew nothing about the illegal narcotics traffic taking place from her daughter's home.

She advised she is going to travel to Los Angeles, California, on either May 4 or 5, 1968, to live with her daughter, RITA, until school is out, after which time she will return to New Orleans with RITA and RITA's children.

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WILLIE OLONZO advised that LINO ROSAS died on August 30, 1966, and immediately following his death his wife, Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, traveled to Los Angeles, California, to stay with her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein. He advised she remained in California for an unrecalled period of time, after which she traveled back to New Orleans. After a short stay in New Orleans, Mrs. OLONZO again traveled to California for an unrecalled period of time.

Mrs. OLONZO stated that Mrs. OLONZO's last trip to California was made in either September or October, 1967. He stated Mrs. OLONZO remained in California two months after this trip due to the fact she fell into a coma due to the strain of the trip. Mr. OLONZO stated that Mrs. OLONZO returned to New Orleans with two of her daughter's children sometime in December, 1967.

Mr. OLONZO stated he had never heard that LINO ROSAS was involved in the sale of narcotics and he did not feel CHARLES STEIN would be involved in the sale of narcotics.

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CHARLES de CARVELHO, 2006 Iowa Street, advised that when he observed the leather case in the trunk of the white Mustang driven by the individual introduced to him by CHARLIE STEIN as GALT, this observation took a total time of one minute or less. He stated this was a brown leather circular or oval case with a zipper. de CARVELHO stated he felt it was approximately the size of a golf bag. de CARVELHO stated it was not too heavy as he recalled GALT moved it easily in the trunk. de CARVELHO stated it was his impression and original thought that this case contained a surveyor's transit. de CARVELHO added that it conceivably could have been a camera tripod.

In addition to the above, de CARVELHO stated he noticed there was a brief case with rolled-up papers therein, possibly blueprints or like plans.

de CARVELHO stated that the total amount of time he saw this in a casual way precludes him from giving any more specific details regarding the true identity of whatever the object was.

de CARVELHO stated it was the impression that he received that STEIN, during the conversation with de CARVELHO, had said or implied that GALT was connected with an engineering or construction firm.

de CARVELHO stated it was also his impression STEIN was primarily interested in converting GALT to STEIN's cosmic philosophy. He further got the impression from talking to STEIN that GALT may possibly have been involved in politics in southern California. de CARVELHO stated that he did not know of any use of narcotics on the part of STEIN. de CARVELHO stated he thought STEIN may have smoked marijuana; however, added he had not actually seen this. de CARVELHO furnished the additional opinion that some of STEIN's friends may have

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been involved with narcotics and/or prostitution. In this latter regard, de CARVELHO stated he knew of no specific pimping activity on the part of STEIN.

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On May 1, 1968, LOUIS TRENT, Attorney, 822 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI and provided the following information:

He has a client by the name of ROSE WILLIAMS, who may be able to provide information in regards to ERIC GALT and that he had persuaded WILLIAMS to be interviewed by the FBI. Mr. TRENT stated that Miss WILLIAMS would only concent to being interviewed in his office and in his presence.

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ROSE WILLIAMS advised she is a very close friend of MARIE LEE, nee Stein, and she had seen GALT when GALT was in New Orleans during the month of December, 1967. She stated she is acquainted with the entire STEIN family and considers herself a close friend of all members of the family.

WILLIAMS advised that Mrs. CARMEN ROSAS, the paternal grandmother of two sons of RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, somehow had RITA ROSAS' Social Security checks stopped and because of this, ROSAS had no money with which to support her four children. She stated because of this situation, RITA ROSAS' mother, Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, traveled to Los Angeles, California, in the Fall of 1967, exact date unrecalled, and returned to New Orleans with the two daughters of RITA ROSAS. She advised RITA ROSAS sent her two daughters with her mother, [redacted]

WILLIAMS advised that Mrs. ROSAS attempted [redacted]

WILLIAMS advised because of this situation she and MARIE LEE telephonically contacted RITA ROSAS and advised her that someone would have to return to New Orleans and take the children back to California [redacted]. She stated that ROSAS advised she could not make the trip as she did not have any money and she did not know what she would do about this situation.

WILLIAMS advised that several days later RITA ROSAS telephonically contacted MARIE LEE and advised her brother, CHARLES STEIN, had found a ride from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans and that he would pick up the children and

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return them to Los Angeles, California.

WILLIAMS advised that MARIE LEE had informed her that STEIN's ride was to be with a man he had met several days before and that he knew nothing about him and this man was not a friend of the family.

WILLIAMS advised that shortly before Christmas, 1967, she received a telephone call from MARIE LEE stating that CHARLES STEIN had arrived in New Orleans and was staying at her residence. She advised she cannot recall the exact date that STEIN arrived in New Orleans, but after reading the newspapers she felt it was December 17, 1967. She advised that LEE informed her that STEIN was to return to Los Angeles with the two children the following day.

WILLIAMS stated she did not go to MARIE LEE's house that evening, but the next evening she and LEE prepared a dinner for CHARLES STEIN. She stated she arrived at LEE's house that evening at approximately 8:00 and shortly thereafter, their telephone rang and the caller was ERIC GALT. GALT explained on the telephone that he was lost and was trying to find LEE's apartment and that he was telephoning from an unknown restaurant at the corner of Elysian Fields Avenue and Burgundy Street. WILLIAMS advised that GALT was given directions as to how to find LEE's apartment and that CHARLES STEIN sent her to the front porch to watch for GALT's white Mustang. She advised after several moments she saw the white Mustang come down Burgundy Street and she hollered at this individual and he stopped, parked the car and walked back to this apartment. She advised that STEIN introduced her to this individual and called the individual ERIC GALT. She stated GALT did not acknowledge the introductions and did not say anything. She advised she was in his company about five minutes and she then left MARIE LEE's apartment.

She advised the next afternoon she tried to start her car, but it would not start and she decided to walk to LEE's

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apartment to use her car as she had to go to the bank and it was about 1:30 in the afternoon. She advised when she arrived at LEE's apartment, she saw a United Cab parked near LEE's residence and decided to take the cab to the bank, but she could not find the cab driver. In a few moments she observed CHARLES STEIN, RITA STEIN's two children, ERIC GALT and a small white male walking from LEE's apartment, carrying luggage and packages. She advised she recognized this unknown white male as CHARLES deCARVELHO and she approached them to say goodbye to CHARLES STEIN and the children. She stated she took a shopping bag from one of the children and placed it in the back seat of GALT's white Mustang and wished them on a safe trip. She then learned that deCARVELHO was the driver of the cab and she left with deCARVELHO in the cab to go to the bank after deCARVELHO had bid his farewell to CHARLES STEIN.

WILLIAMS advised that while she was in GALT's company GALT did not speak and merely stood around with his head hanging downwards. She described GALT as a neat dresser, but not wearing the current style of clothing. She stated the day GALT and STEIN left New Orleans, GALT was dressed in a grey suit with a white shirt and tie and appeared very neat.

She stated GALT seemed to be an average individual in his thirties with no outstanding or distinguishing characteristics with the exception of a long thin nose and a thin face.

She stated she did not recognize GALT from the photograph that was printed in the newspapers since his face was much thinner and his hair was shorter.

WILLIAMS advised that CHARLES STEIN is now a believer in the cosmic philosophy and "a true believer in God." She advised this is a complete change from the CHARLES STEIN she formerly knew and she held a long discussion with STEIN about this new philosophy on his trip to New Orleans. She was advised by STEIN that MARIE "MINNIE" MARTIN had

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met an individual in a bar where she worked in Los Angeles and had heard this individual state he was coming to New Orleans on business and she arranged for STEIN to travel with this individual. She stated STEIN also informed her this individual, ERIC GALT, requested that he register for GEORGE WALLACE in California before they departed and STEIN did so. STEIN also informed her GALT paid for everything on the trip, including all food, gas and motel bills and, further, advised that STEIN showed her the twenty dollar bill he had in his possession when he left Los Angeles and still had in his possession when he arrived in New Orleans. She advised that she did not feel that MARIE LEE would lie to her about CHARLES STEIN's knowledge of or association with GALT and she believed both STEIN's and LEE's statements that STEIN did not know GALT and had only met him several days before the trip.

She stated she did not feel that STEIN and GALT would have been involved in any illicit drug activity in California and based this statement on the fact that STEIN claimed to have known GALT only several days before the trip.

She stated she did not know if STEIN had fixed GALT up with any women while they were in New Orleans. She stated CHARLES STEIN asked her if she would like to go out with GALT and show him the town, but she declined. She advised STEIN did not press the issue and if he had, she would have gone out with GALT as a favor to STEIN. She stated STEIN has been out of touch with the people of New Orleans for several years and did not know if he would have been able to fix GALT up with anyone in New Orleans. WILLIAMS advised there was no mention of sex when STEIN asked her if she would like to go out with GALT.

WILLIAMS again advised the individuals present when CHARLES STEIN departed from New Orleans were herself, ERIC GALT, RITA STEIN's two children, MARIE LEE and CHARLES deCARVELHO.

WILLIAMS advised she knew of no other trips made to New Orleans by GALT or STEIN and she did not know of any

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packages being delivered to relatives of MARIE MARTIN in New Orleans by GALT.

She stated she knew of no further information she could furnish concerning this matter and added she had not come forward sonner because of a request of MARIE LEE for her not to become involved as LEE did not feel she could furnish the FBI with any important information.

She stated if it should be necessary to recontact her, that Attorney LOUIS TRENT, who was present during the interview, should be contacted at his office at 822 Perdido Street and TRENT would contact her and make her available for interview.

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INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF JAMES EARL RAY
MAY HAVE STAYED AT A MOTEL OR HOTEL
IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DURING
THE PERIOD OF MARCH 17, 1968 - MARCH 24, 1968

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Registration cards for motels and hotels located in the New Orleans, Louisiana, French Quarter, as well as motels located along Tulane Avenue, which is adjacent to the downtown area of New Orleans and motels located along U. S. Highway 90 East, also known as the Chef Menteur Highway, were checked for the period March 17 through March 24, 1968. No registration card for JAMES EARL RAY under his true name or known aliases could be located. Individuals at these motels and hotels, upon observing photographs of RAY, could not recall RAY or anyone similar to RAY as having registered at their establishments.

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Re: RITA BATISTE

On April 30, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the FBI that CHARLES STEIN had in his possession a 1963 New Orleans telephone book and on page 43 the name of RITA BATISTE, 2422 (street or avenue), TW 5-2672, was noted.

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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1 and 2, 1968:

On May 1, 1968, Mrs. ALICE DORAN, Clerk, Identification Bureau, New Orleans Police Department, and Mrs. BARBARA COLLINS, Clerk, Record Room, New Orleans Police Department, both advised IC CHARLES L. MURRAY that a review of their respective records contained no listing for a RITA BATISTE.

On May 1, 1968, B. T. KAYLOR, Credit Manager, New Orleans Credit Bureau, advised IC CHARLES L. MURRAY that he located a credit report dated December 30, 1949, for a RITA BATISTE, 2420 Second Street, New Orleans. It showed her occupation as being a domestic employee and a widow. Her age then was listed as 40 and she was a Negro female. Her previous address was 1248 South Galvez Street and a notation appeared she was formerly from Gramercy, Louisiana. Her credit was listed as satisfactory.

On May 1, 1968, several attempts were made to contact RITA BATISTE at 2420 Second Street, but with negative results.

On May 2, 1968, RITA BATISTE was contacted by Special Agent KEVIN J. HARRIGAN at 2420 Second Street, and she furnished the following information:

She advised that the names CHARLES and RITA STEIN were completely unknown to her. She viewed a photograph of CHARLES J. STEIN taken by the New Orleans Police Department on July 15, 1961, and upon viewing this photograph, again stated this person was totally unknown to her by either name or photograph.

She further advised that she has resided at her present address since 1950. She stated she works as a domestic employee and when not working, stays at home. She advised she has no daughter by the name of RITA BATISTE, nor any other relatives by this name. It was noted that she appeared to be approximately 60 years of age.

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When confronted with the information to the effect that the name RITA BATISTE, 2422 Street, TW 5-2672, appeared in a 1963 New Orleans telephone book belonging to CHARLES and/or RITA STEIN, she stated she could offer no explanation for this. She advised that her present telephone number is TW 5-2672.

BATISTE advised that a nephew of hers by the name of HAROLD BATISTE, Negro male, 35-40 years of age, formerly lived next door to her at 2418 Second Street; however, he moved to Los Angeles, California, approximately five years ago following the death of his parents. She described HAROLD as being somewhat on the strange side, who ran with persons of questionable reputation; however, she did not know any of these persons and stated she has had absolutely no contact whatsoever with HAROLD since he moved to Los Angeles, California. She stated she does not know his present address there.

BATISTE further advised that it was her opinion, although she could not substantiate this belief, that possibly HAROLD BATISTE knew CHARLES and/or RITA STEIN and somehow this explained her name and telephone number appearing in the STEINs telephone book.

BATISTE again emphatically denied ever meeting, hearing about or knowing either CHARLES or RITA STEIN.

Several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to RITA BATISTE, but with negative results. She advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY and his photograph were totally unknown to her.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS E. DU HADWAY at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 15, 1968:

The following apartment houses and rooming houses on Napoleon Avenue were checked for any indication of prior residency of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMEYER and all variations of these names with negative results:

JOHN VAN VRANCKEN APARTMENTS
500 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. HOWARD BADE's Apartments,
619 and 617 Napoleon Avenue

Good Samaritan Home
1002 Napoleon Avenue

1034 Napoleon Avenue

1122 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. ROGER REED
1107 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. HYMAN MITHOFF
1201 Napoleon Avenue

BILL GRAD
1204 Napoleon Avenue

JOHN D. BLEICHNER
1212 Napoleon Avenue

1215 Napoleon Avenue

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